

Petition Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill

Assisted dying is a complex issue with strong feelings on both sides, balancing personal choice, medical ethics, and society's values about life and care.

We need as many voices as possible to reach Members of Parliament and increase awareness nationwide. Please share this petition and the call to action with your friends, family, and through your social media channels. Let others know why it's crucial to take a stand against the Assisted Dying Bill.

Use the template below to express your concerns to your MP. Feel free to personalise the letter to reflect the specific reasons that resonate with you. This template includes key points to help communicate why you oppose the Assisted Dying Bill.

Together, we can ensure our healthcare system remains focused on providing compassionate care.

Thank you for supporting this important cause.

Write to Your MP

It is hugely important that you lobby your MP

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RE: Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill

I call upon you to reject the Assisted Dying Bill, which is due for its second reading on November 29th. I believe that this Bill poses significant risks to the well-being and dignity of vulnerable populations, undermines the trust and compassion that should be at the core of our healthcare system, and distracts from the urgent need to improve palliative and end-of-life care across the country.

My reasons for opposing the Assisted Dying Bill:

1. Focus on Compassionate Care, Not Assisted Dying

Our healthcare system should prioritise quality care over legislation that promotes the ending of life. Assisted dying shifts focus away from supporting people to live their remaining days in dignity. We must instead strengthen our healthcare services to provide effective pain relief, mental health support, and holistic care for individuals with complex health needs.

2. Erosion of Trust in the Doctor-Patient Relationship

Introducing assisted dying risks altering the trust between doctors and patients. Patients may fear that healthcare providers could suggest assisted dying as an option, which could influence vulnerable individuals, placing undue pressure on them to end their lives rather than seeking ongoing treatment and care.

3. Impact on Vulnerable Populations

In regions where assisted dying is legal, studies show that it often pressures elderly, disabled, and isolated individuals to consider it as a way to avoid burdening others or due to limited healthcare resources. Legalising assisted dying may create a culture where those facing illness or disability feel that ending their life is the most compassionate choice for their families and society, rather than receiving the care and comfort they deserve.

4. Potential for Future Complications

Legalising assisted dying could set a dangerous precedent, weakening society's commitment to caring for those who are elderly, chronically ill, or disabled. What begins as an option for a few could quickly evolve into a widespread approach that devalues life and places society on a path where assisted dying becomes a normalised alternative to quality palliative care.

We Demand a Healthcare System Focused on Dignity and Compassion. In the 21st century, with advancements in medicine and pain management, we should be able to meet the needs of our citizens without resorting to assisted dying. The cost of end-of-life care should never be an excuse for laws that encourage hastened death. Instead, we urge you to advocate for enhanced palliative care funding and resources, ensuring that people receive the compassionate, dignified care they deserve in their final days.

I urge you to vote against the Assisted Dying Bill on November 29th. Let us prioritise a healthcare system that affirms life, alleviates suffering, and supports every person with the compassion and dignity they deserve.

Yours Sincerely

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